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AOPVs and FPVs in India
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has any Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels (AOPVs) and Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) and whether steps have been taken to decommission them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereto;

(c) whether AOPVs are operating with all the required equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Indian Coast Guard has Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels (AOPVs) and Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), whereas Indian Navy has Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) / Naval Offshore Patrol Vessels (NOPVs) and Fast Attack Crafts (FACs). As and when the vessels / ships outlive their lives, they are decommissioned. Till date, 04 FPVs of Indian Coast Guard have been decommissioned. At present there is no proposal to decommission any of OPV / FAC of Indian Navy.

(c) & (d): All the AOPVs with Indian Coast Guard are of advanced design and fitted with latest Navigational and Communication Equipment like Integrated Bridge System, Navigational Gyros, Autopilot, Radar, Electro Optic System, Automatic Identification System (AIS) etc.
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